



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5052

House of Representatives, April 8, 2003

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. VILLANO of the 91st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT MAKING THE COMMISSION ON AGING PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-420 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2003*):

4 (c) There shall be an executive director of the Commission on Aging
5 who shall be appointed by the commission. There may be additional
6 staff within available appropriations. The commission shall be [within
7 the Department of Social Services for administrative purposes only]
8 part of the Legislative Department.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
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HS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill moves the Commission on Aging from the Department of Social Services (DSS), where it is currently located for administrative purposes only, to the Legislative Department. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$109,972 in FY04 and \$116,920 in FY05 within DSS for the Commission. The change of location for the Commission is not expected to result in any fiscal impact to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5052

**AN ACT MAKING THE COMMISSION ON AGING PART OF THE
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT****SUMMARY:**

This bill moves the 23-member Commission on Aging from the executive branch to the legislative branch. The commission is located in the Department of Social Services for administrative purposes only. The commission advocates for elderly people on health care, nutrition, housing, employment, transportation, legal assistance, and other issues. It conducts public hearings, issues various reports, disseminates information, and makes recommendations on elderly issues.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Commission on Aging***

The legislature established the Commission on Aging in 1993 when it disbanded the Department on Aging and folded its program functions into the Division of Elderly Services in the newly created Department of Social Services (DSS). The commission consists of 11 voting public members knowledgeable about elderly issues and 12 non-voting, *ex officio* members. The governor appoints five voting members and legislative leaders appoint the rest for four-year terms. In addition, the chairmen and ranking members of the General Assembly's Human Services Committee and the commissioners of Social Services, Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Mental Retardation, Economic and Community Development, Transportation, Insurance, and Labor are non-voting, *ex officio* members. The governor chooses the commission's chairman, and the commission hires its executive director and staff.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report
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